

# SENATE BILL No. 381

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-12.7-2.

**Synopsis:** Visually impaired preschool services. Requires the division of disability and rehabilitative services to enter into an agreement to establish a partnership with Visually Impaired Preschool Services, Incorporated to provide vision assessments and early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities who are in need of vision services. Makes an annual appropriation.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 12, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Education & Career Development.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1       SECTION 1. IC 12-12.7-2-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.93-2006,  
2       SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this chapter, "early intervention  
4       services" means developmental services that meet the following  
5       conditions:  
6               (1) Are provided under public supervision.  
7               (2) Are designed to meet the developmental needs of infants and  
8               toddlers with disabilities in at least one (1) of the areas specified  
9               in section 4(a)(1) of this chapter.  
10              (3) Meet all required state and federal standards.  
11              (4) Are provided by qualified personnel, including the following:  
12                  (A) Early childhood special educators, early childhood  
13                  educators, and special educators.  
14                  (B) Speech and language pathologists and audiologists.  
15                  (C) Occupational therapists.  
16                  (D) Physical therapists.



(E) Psychologists.

(F) Social workers.

(G) Nurses.

(H) Nutritionists.

(I) Family therapists.

(J) Orientation and mobility specialists.

(K) Pediatricians and other physicians.

**(L) Individuals providing services under section 21 of this chapter.**

(5) To the maximum extent appropriate, are provided in natural environments, including the home and community settings in which children without disabilities participate.

(6) Are provided in conformity with an individualized family service plan adopted in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1435.

(b) The term includes the following services:

(1) Family training, counseling, and home visits.

(2) Special instruction.

(3) Speech and language pathology, audiology, and sign language and cued language services.

(4) Occupational therapy.

(5) Physical therapy.

(6) Psychological services.

(7) Service coordination services.

(8) Medical services only for diagnostic, evaluation, or consultation purposes.

(9) Early identification, screening, and assessment services.

(10) Other health services necessary for an infant or a toddler to benefit from the services.

(11) Vision services.

(12) Supportive technology services.

(13) Transportation and related costs that are necessary to enable an infant or a toddler and the infant's or toddler's family to receive early intervention services.

SECTION 2. IC 12-12.7-2-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 21. (a) The division shall enter into an agreement to establish a partnership with Visually Impaired Preschool Services, Incorporated to provide vision assessments and early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities who are in need of vision services under this chapter.**

**(b) The agreement under subsection (a) must provide payment**



1 from money appropriated under section 22 of this chapter to  
2 Visually Impaired Preschool Services, Incorporated for:

3 (1) visual impairment services;

4 (2) training; and

5 (3) administrative costs.

6 SECTION 3. IC 12-12.7-2-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
7 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 22. There is annually**  
9 **appropriated from the state general fund to the division five**  
10 **hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to carry out the purposes of**  
11 **section 21 of this chapter.**

